

# Season's Greetings

Consulate General of Israel  
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My dear friends in Hong Kong and Macau,

This coming Sunday, December 22, is the first day of the Jewish Festival Hanukkah, a joyous celebration of family, freedom and light. We will light a candle on each of the eight nights in a special menorah candleholder to remember the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and the re-establishment of religious freedom for the Jewish people after a period of harsh repression. There will be lots of gifts, doughnuts and games.

This Sunday is also the traditional Chinese Winter Solstice Festival, a time for families to get together for a big feast. Christmas and New Year celebrations are also upon us.

With all of these approaching, I wish you and your families happy holidays and a wonderful new year!



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Consul General



Next year, we will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and the annual UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day with a major event organized by the Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Centre on January 20.

Ms. Eva Schloss, Auschwitz survivor and Anne Frank's stepsister, will come to Hong Kong to share her incredible story of survival in Auschwitz.

I hope you could join us in this memorable event. Please register directly at <https://www.hkhtc.org/event-rsvp/>.